GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to explore the problems in the Non-Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce Minimum Support Prices for NTFPs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (e): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj had constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. T. Haque on 23.08.2010 to suggest appropriate measures for implementation of provisions regarding Ownership, Price Fixation, Value Addition and Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP). This committee has since submitted its report. It recommends introduction of Minimum Support Price for 13 MFPs. However, details of the scheme for introduction of Minimum Support Price of NTFPS have not been finalized.